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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicants hereby request continued examination of the above-captioned application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The application is a non-provisional application that was filed on or after June 8, 1995.

This request is being submitted after the mailing of a final Office Action and after the filing of a Notice of Appeal, and thus is to be considered as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution. For the submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114,

Applicants request entry of the Supplemental Amendment filed on September 9, 2003,

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which addresses all issues raised in the final Office Action mailed on February 24, 2003.

A copy of the Supplemental Amendment is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. In

addition, Applicants concurrently submit Preliminary Remarks which address the issues

raised in the Advisory Action mailed on November 19, 2003.

Applicants hereby assert that the present application is entitled to small entity

status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c)(1).

Enclosed is a check for \$385 in payment of the fee, as a small entity, required by

37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) for this Request for Continued Examination. Also enclosed is a

petition to extend the period for submitting an Appeal Brief pursuant to the Notice of

Appeal filed on August 25, 2003 for five months, to and including March 25, 2004.

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Respectfully submitted,

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